

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Partners of the Americas on its work over the past 40 years. Partners embraces the wonderful diversity of the Western Hemisphere and plays a crucial role in building cross-cultural understanding, inspiring hope and creating opportunity. I know others join me in wishing Partners of the Americas continued success in their service to citizens of the Western Hemisphere.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN FEE

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend John Fee, a constituent from Delran, New Jersey, who is currently participating in the Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope. John was chosen from nearly 1,200 cyclists nationwide to be one of 20 cyclists participating in this awareness-raising tour for cancer research.

The Tour of Hope is a grueling eight-day bike journey across America that is designed to help raise awareness about the need for increased participation in cancer clinical trials. This cross-country tour was designed by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Lance Armstrong, six-time Tour de France winner and cancer survivor, who credits his survival to the many people before him who participated in the clinical trials that ultimately led to the development of the treatment that saved his life.

By participating in the Tour of Hope, which began on October 1st in Los Angeles and will conclude on October 8th here in Washington, DC, John has dedicated himself to being a part of the effort to cure cancer. During his eight-day journey across America, John and his team will be selflessly delivering the Tour's message—the need to support cancer research—to communities across our Nation.

John's commitment to this worthy cause stems from personal, family experiences with cancer, and his bravery and generosity in confronting this issue head-on is commendable. With advocates like John, I am confident that we can ultimately conquer cancer once and for all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISSOURI SHERIFF OF THE YEAR, SHERIFF KERRICK ALUMBAUGH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate Sheriff Kerrick Alumbaugh for being named the Missouri Deputy Sheriffs' Association's 2004 "Sheriff of the Year."

Sheriff Alumbaugh was born on March 19, 1964, in St. Charles, Missouri. He graduated from Lafayette County C1 High School in Higginsville, Missouri. Later, he graduated from the FBI National Law Enforcement Academy.

In September 1985, Sheriff Alumbaugh began his law enforcement career as a patrol-

man for the Higginsville, Missouri, Police Department. Then, in 1993, he became the Chief of Police of Higginsville, Missouri. He became the Sheriff of Lafayette County on January 1, 2001.

During his time as Sheriff, he has had many accomplishments. Sheriff Alumbaugh formed a county-wide crime scene team comprised of local police agencies and trained by the Kansas City Crime Scene Unit, fought to give deputies a living wage, and was instrumental in the passage of the county-wide law enforcement tax and a new jail and court system. Also, he developed an investigation unit within the department, comprised of two detectives, that investigates and solves rural crimes. These two detectives alone filed more Felony cases in 2003 than the whole department did in 2000.

Most importantly, he has instilled pride and professionalism for the deputies that work for the citizens of Lafayette County.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I wish to extend my congratulations to Sheriff Kerrick Alumbaugh. It is with great pride that I honor him for being named the Missouri Deputy Sheriffs' Association's 2004 "Sheriff of the Year."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRUCE HILL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Bruce Hill, a dedicated public servant and community leader from Grand Junction, Colorado. Bruce is a dedicated leader and a champion of the city, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing his tremendous achievements before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Bruce is a Grand Junction native who has naturally assumed many leadership roles. At Tope Elementary School, he was appointed Safety Leader. Later, while attending West Middle School, Bruce's classmates elected him their student council representative, where he was known to lead by example, setting the standards for his peers to follow. After studying accounting at Mesa Junior College, he began working at Superior Alarm. When Bruce was hired, the owner told him that he would have a chance to own the company one day. Two years later, at the age of 22, he purchased Superior Alarm.

Twenty-three years later Bruce is now the Mayor of Grand Junction. Utilizing his past experience as a customer service representative and the owner of Superior Alarm, he has been a true people's representative. Bruce makes himself available to the people of Grand Junction as much as possible. Holding informal gatherings, he takes a keen interest in listening to each individual's issue, and then uses his knowledge and influence to achieve a resolution. Using this style, Bruce has made a significant impact, despite his short four months in office.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Bruce Hill for his ongoing contributions to the people and city of Grand Junction, and the State of Colorado. His leadership as Mayor is an example to all public servants, and it is with

great pleasure that I recognize him today before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thanks, Bruce, for everything, and I hope you can serve this community for many years to come.

HONORING THE LATE REVEREND VICTORIANO F. SANDOVAL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to the late Reverend Victoriano F. Sandoval. It is with great respect that I pay tribute to Padre Sandoval, who is being honored, In Memoriam, by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County, Inc., as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

Padre Victoriano Fernandez Sandoval was born on December 24, 1933 in the town of Fuentes de los Oteros, in the Castilla Province, Spain. He studied in the Seminary of "los Padres Agustinos" in the Castilla Province. He was ordained as a priest on July 12, 1958.

He worked as a priest for 16 years in Brazil as the Director of the College and Seminary of Braganca Paulista, Sao Paulo. Shortly thereafter, he was the Director of the Educational Faculty at Catholic University and the College of San Agustin in Goiania.

In the United States he worked for 21 years at the Church of the Holy Redemption, Mount Holly, NJ and at Saint John the Baptist Church in Long Branch for 4 years. He served as the Chaplain for Hispanics at the federal prison in Fort Dix and Mid-State Correctional facility. There he ensured that all Hispanic inmates' rights were observed. He made it possible for them to celebrate Christmas with a dinner every year. His rectory door was always open for anyone in need.

Additionally, Padre Sandoval served as the Spiritual Director for marriage retreats in the northeast U.S.A. He also worked with Hispanics at marital retreats in Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, and Mexico.

Lamentably, Padre Sandoval died suddenly on June 20, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to Padre Victoriano Fernandez Sandoval, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors him, In Memoriam, for his unfaltering dedication and commitment to the advancement of Latinos.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY GRILLO

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Mary Grillo, the Secretary-Treasurer of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2028 who is being honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for